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City of
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City provides funding to combat homelessness

INDIANAPOLIS –The City of Indianapolis, Department of Metropolitan Development today announced \$3.2 million in grants to 16 local organizations that will create approximately 250 transitional and permanent housing units to homeless individuals and families.

Continuum of Care grants, which are provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), are designed to provide transitional housing, permanent housing and supportive services such as job training, health care, substance abuse treatment and child care to homeless, mentally ill, addicted or physically disabled persons. Indianapolis projects were prioritized through a local planning process and then included in the city's application for Continuum of Care funds.

"This funding enables us to find homes for some of our city's most vulnerable residents," said Mayor Bart Peterson. "The services provided by these grant recipients are not only making significant strides toward ending chronic homelessness, but are also providing a helping hand to individuals and families who might otherwise face life on the streets."

The 2003 Continuum of Care Grant Recipients include:

Adult & Child Mental Health Center ■ \$293,400
Partners in Housing Development Corporation Project (PARC) ■ \$166,599
Boner Center Special Needs Program ■ \$99,756
Coburn Place ■ \$204,678
Catholic Social Services / Holy Family Transitional Housing ■ \$144,644
Midtown Community Mental Health Center -Brookside ■ \$74,550
Julian Center New Life Transitional Housing ■ \$242,467
Midtown Community Mental Health Center -First Home ■ \$267,300
Partners in Housing (PORT) ■ \$127,186
Boner Center Families in Transition Program ■ \$180,761
Pathway to Recovery ■ 101,461
Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation ■ \$150,860
Midtown Community Mental Health Center -Homeless Resource Team ■ \$368,550
Horizon House ■ \$206,038
Homeless Initiative Program ■ \$599,999
Boner Center Shelter Plus Care ■ \$41,076

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Mayor Bart Peterson, along with the Indianapolis Housing Task Force unveiled the *Blueprint to End Homelessness* in April 2002. Peterson led this initiative, asking that the community work together more effectively to stem the tide of homelessness. The plan calls for helping 2,100 households in the first five years and substantially more families and individuals in the years to follow. The *Blueprint* has garnered national recognition from the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Fannie Mae Foundation and the National Alliance to End Homelessness.